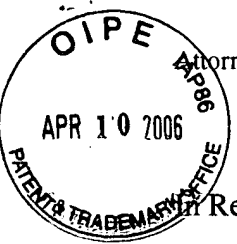


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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed March 29, 2006, applicant(s) hereby elects to prosecute Species I claims 1-17: A method comprising reducing a height of a plurality of roughness formation on a surface of a film on a semiconductor substrate by exposing the film to a smoothing medium. As such, applicant(s) elects to withdraw Species II claims 18-21 and Species III claims 22-27.

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